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LOK SABHA

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HERBAL EXPORT
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of export of Indian herbal medicines from various States particularly from Tamil Nadu during each of the last three years alongwith foreign exchange earned therefrom, country-wise; and

(b) the steps taken by the Government to popularise the Indian herbal medicines outside India?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a)to(b) The Government does not maintain state-wise exports of Herbal medicines. The Government is taking steps to promote cultivation of herbal plants in the country in view of rising demand for the same in foreign countries. The National Medicinal Plants Board is extending financial assistance to the farmers by way of 30% subsidy on the cost of cultivating medicinal plants. Farmers are being imparted training in the cultivation of medicinal plants. The Pharmaceuticals Export Promotion Council (Pharmexcil) has set up a Committee to advise the Council on various steps to be taken for the promotion of exports of medicinal plants. Pharmexcil also participates in various fairs/exhibitions abroad so as to popularize our herbal products in foreign countries.